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SUBJECT: MESSAGES RE APCAC MEETING

REF: 1) TAIPEI 6888; 2) SINGAPORE 4675

1. WE HAVE BEEN WELL AWARE OF CONCERNS RAISED REFTELS CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH APCAC. FOR THAT REASON WE HAVE OVER PAST FEW YEARS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST THROUGH INCLUDING APCAC MEMBERS IN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN HAWAII AND HAVING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER AND AMBASSADOR SNEIDER JOIN MOST RECENT APCAC MEETINGS. AGAIN THIS YEAR WE WOULD ALSO HAVE LIKED TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION TO THE JAKARTA MEETING THAT APCAC WOULD HAVE WISHED BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS WAS JUST NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER OF BUREAU MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUES WHICH APCAC WISHES TO DISCUSS IS ATTENDING.

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2. REGARDING THE PRESIDENTIAL OR SECRETARIAL MESSAGE, THIS TOO WAS GIVEN VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, SINCE MEETINGS OF APCAC ARE PERIODIC EVENTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SENT MESSAGES, WE DECIDED THAT THE DISADVANTAGES OF ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT OUTWEIGHED

THE ADVANTAGES OF USING THIS VEHICLE TO EMPHASIZE OUR VERY REAL WISH TO MAINTAIN STRONG AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

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